

# Hornet Enrichment Academy



## Beech Grove City Schools are Making it Happen!



**WE ARE** an urban district located on the south side of Indianapolis. Beech Grove City Schools has 3,000 students who attend our five schools K-12. It is our district mission to develop literate and responsible students who are able to demonstrate mastery of the Indiana Academic Standards and who are sufficiently prepared for success.

**OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES** live in the Beech Grove Community and the surrounding area. 65% of our students receive free or reduced lunches. 77% of our students are Caucasian, and 23% are from a non-Caucasian ethnicity. 17% of our students receive special education services.

**OUR TEACHERS** have a strong understanding of the needs of at-risk students and are invested in the idea of a non-traditional learning environment. Mentors are engaged with our students each day making meaningful connections that support student success.

### IN OUR OWN WORDS

"I honestly do not know where we would be without the HEA staff. The concern and care they provide for my son is beyond what we could ever ask or anticipate. They value him, see the best in him, and believe in him when he doesn't see that in himself. They recognize the individual learner he is and they help motivate always with love and concern."  
- HEA parent

"Being here at the HEA has impacted my life in a positive way. Unlike at the high school the HEA is a smaller environment so there is more one on one time with the teachers. You also have a mentor that keeps up with your progress on a day-to-day basis, and they push and motivate you when you need it. – HEA Senior

**OUR PROMISING PRACTICE** is the Hornet Enrichment Academy (HEA), an educational program structured to assist students who have been unable to complete their high school education in a traditional school setting. The HEA provides each student with flexibility, support and individualized experiences in order to help them achieve success by obtaining their high school diploma. The foundation of the HEA is the relationships that are established, and students have the support of an educational mentor who guides their academic and personal growth. Students are identified through their guidance counselor, and participate in an integrated curriculum with an emphasis on critical reading skills. While engaged in their academic program, students also participate in wraparound programming that supports personal growth. As our students develop a greater sense of accountability, they use a data binder to monitor progress data and prepare for student-led conferences. Our staff and students have created an individualized learning community where all students can thrive.

#### Program Components:

- One-on-One Mentoring
- School to Career Program
- Life Skills and Wellness Initiative
- Step It UP! Incentive Program
- Senior Portfolio

**OUR STEPS** The HEA Pyramid of Success is the foundation on which the HEA learning community is established, and includes eleven core components that support program goals. We consistently review and analyze our program data to make meaningful decisions that support student success.

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